STOREFRONT FOR ART AND ARCHITECTURE

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SIX SQUARE september 16-19, 1999

a site-specific performance and exhibition at the Storefront for Art & Architecture

SIX SQUARE: a project created by j mandle performance

SIX SQUARE is a performance specially designed for the unique facade of the *Storefront for Art and Architecture*, co-designed by architect Steven Holl and artist Vito Acconci. The performance engages the building's unusual shape: a narrow wedge with a triangulated interior and a long, striking concrete-paneled facade that is divided into a series of twelve pivoting panels. The performance SIX SQUARE marks the first time in the gallery's history that this remarkable space will be used as a stage.

A central theme of the performance will be "interior space versus exterior space". Six performers will dance and reveal the hidden dimensions within the building and their double layered, geometric costumes. When the performers open the panels, the facade dissolves and the interior of the gallery expands out on to the sidewalk. Three performers will move with long red, geometric lanterns in front of the building marking the perimeters of Kenmare St. The audience will see the building facade change in spectacular ways through: dance, lighting, and music.

Artistic Collaboration

Conceived and co-designed by Julia Mandle (company founder) and Said Mahrouf, *j mandle performance* brings together again choreographer, Joanna Oniszczuk and lighting designer, Frank Dendanto. Music is composed by Paul Geluso.

Outdoor Performance Schedule September 16 - 19 at 8:00pm

The exhibit of costumes will follow for two weeks. Performances and exhibit are free. Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 12 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location

The Storefront for Art and Architecture is located at 97 Kenmare Street, between Lafayette and Mulberry Streets in Lower Manhattan. Subway directions: N, R to Prince Street, 6 to Spring Street., BDFQ to Broadway/Lafayette

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j mandle performance is a not-for-profit experimental arts organization founded in 1996. The company creates site-specific projects in unexpected locations with the intention to heighten the public's perception of its everyday environment. Each production is realized through "costume-defined choreography," a process of character development through the structure of clothing. The most recent performance, WHEN was performed in July 1999 in the Broadway Window of the New Museum of Contemporary Art. More than 8,000 people witnessed the performance, which intended to raise the public's attention to the perception of time and aging. WHEN was specially designed for the museum's exhibit *The Time of Our Lives*.

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Founded in 1982, **Storefront for Art and Architecture** is a non-profit organization committed to presenting and communicating innovative positions on architecture, art and design through provocative and interdisciplinary public programs, in the form of exhibitions, conferences, publications and special projects.

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